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CHECKING VALUE CIRCUIT AND  
METHOD

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-98 and in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant submits herewith the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 to the Examiner such that they may be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. A copy of each reference is enclosed.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Applicant does not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

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The Examiner is hereby also advised of the existence of Application No. 09/677,035 entitled "Group Shifting and Level Shifting Rotational Arbiter System", which shares a common disclosure with the above-identified application.

Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of either a Final Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311. Accordingly, Applicant has enclosed a check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for Submission of an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

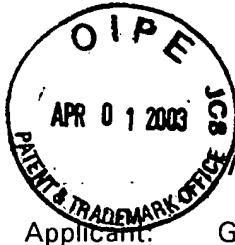
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Transmitted herewith are the following documents for the above-identified application:

- Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 (2 pgs.).
- Form PTO/SB/08 (1 pg.) with copies of 6 listed references.
- Check No. 12081 in the amount of \$180.00 (IDS fee submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p)).

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

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